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MAN WAS MADE TO HUSTLE.

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Will he
Fix it
Right?

This question is the one most often asked when a person has a watch or clock to repair. The many customers of our work bench will at once say to that person, "He will; for mine keeps perfect time and I can depend on it. Let us examine your watch or clock and see how cheaply we can put it in perfect order."

W. C. GASTON
DRUGGIST AND JEWELER

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Enoch Miller, a Fourteen-Year-Old Boy,
Accidentally Kills Himself—Top of
His Head Blown Off with a
Shot-Gun—Hogs Ate
His Brains.

Enoch Miller, a 14-year-old boy who made his home at "Uncle Jim" Gilliam's, three miles west of Keytesville, met with a horrible death last Monday afternoon between three and four o'clock.

The lad started out hunting with a double-barrel shot-gun, and while climbing over the fence, a short distance from the house, both barrels of the weapon were accidentally discharged, completely blowing off the top of his head, producing instant death. "Uncle Jim" Gilliam is quite deaf and did not hear the report of the gun and knew nothing of young Miller's death until about seven o'clock p. m., when his body was found by Albert Fisher at the stile-blocks where the fatal discharge of the shot-gun had occurred.

The sad news of the tragedy was brought to Keytesville, Monday night, and Justice of the Peace J. M. DeMoss, in the absence of Dr. G. M. Dewey, coroner, who is in St. Louis, went out to Mr. Gilliam's, Tuesday morning, to hold an inquest. The following coroner's jury was empaneled:

Charles Schell, Foreman,
Pat Thrash,
P. R. O'Bryan,
Miller Lessley,
L. A. Embree,
M. G. Holcomb,

before whom testimony was adduced as follows:

Albert Fisher testified:
Reside in Brunswick township, Chariton county, Mo.; on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1898, I was at Mr. James Gilliam's; Wm. Miller had the keys to the barn, and I went to his house to get them, and came back and put my horse in the barn, and then went hunting with Wm. Miller; about seven o'clock in the evening, Mr. Gilliam got me to go out to look for Enoch Miller, as he had been out hunting and had not returned; when I was down in the feed lot I heard two shots up towards the house; this was between three and four o'clock in the afternoon; there were about six or eight seconds between the shots; the feed lot is about one-half of a quarter of a mile from the house; when I got to the stile-blocks I found Enoch Miller lying there, dead; he was lying on his back with his head to the north; the top of his head was gone; I don't know whether his body was warm or not; I thought the deceased had tried to climb over the fence and had discharged the gun, as the gun was on one side of the fence and the boy's body on the other; I did not see any powder burns on the deceased; the gun looked as though it had been recently discharged; I did not see any hogs, but I think the hogs had eaten the inside of his head out; we did not move the body for about two hours.

Charles Fisher testified:
Reside in Brunswick township, Chariton county, Mo.; I am 30 years

old; on the 28th day of November, 1898, about seven o'clock, I was at Mr. James Gilliam's; I saw Mr. Gilliam out east of the house calling Wm. Miller. Mr. Gilliam told me that Enoch Miller had gone out hunting and he was afraid something had happened to him; I told him I would go down to my house as Enoch sometimes stopped there; when I got to my house there was no one there and I went up to Wm. Miller's; Albert Fisher came out from Mr. Miller's and said that Enoch had not been there; then I came back to Mr. Gilliam's and told him Enoch had not been there; then I started up to Ed. Gilliam's, and got nearly to the road gate when Albert Fisher called to me and said that he had found Enoch; I turned and came back and told Mr. Gilliam that we had found him; this was a few minutes after seven o'clock; I then went out and looked at the body of Enoch Miller at the stile-blocks; his feet were lying upon the first step of the stile-blocks and his body was on the ground, rather lying on his right side, dead; the top of his head was gone; I also saw a gun on the inside of the fence from the body; I did not make any examination of the body; I recognized the body as that of Enoch Miller by his clothing; his hat was lying about eight or ten feet northeast of the body; I saw no other evidences of violence upon the deceased; when I first saw the body there was no one present but Albert Fisher; I then went to town with Ed. Gilliam; when we came back from town we moved the body into the house; the body was cold at this time; this was about 9:30 o'clock; I don't know whether the body was warm or not when we first found it; I suppose it had been lying there since about sundown; I think the deceased came to his death from the discharge of the gun; the gun was not loaded, but looked like it had been recently discharged—both barrels; I did not see any hogs around the body, but it looked as though they had eaten the inside of the head out.

Ed M. Gilliam testified:
Reside in Bowling Green township, Chariton county, Mo.; on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1898, I was notified about 7:30 o'clock p. m. that Enoch Miller was shot; I came over to my father's and found the deceased lying on his back on the outside of the yard fence at the northwest corner of the stile-blocks; his feet were on the first step of the stile-blocks; I found that the whole top of his head was gone, and it looked like the hogs had had hold of the body; I thought by seeing a gun, and the whole top of his head being gone that he had been shot by the gun; this was the only mark of violence that I found on the deceased; the gun was unloaded, but looked like it had been recently discharged; when I first came, Chas. Fisher, Albert Fisher and Wm. Miller were present; we did not move the body until we went to town and got orders to move it into the house; I could not say how long the body had been there; I recognized the body as that of Enoch Miller by his clothing; I found his hat about 10 feet north of the body.

Dr. J. M. Gallimore testified:
Reside at Keytesville, Chariton

county, Mo.; I am a practicing physician; the twenty-ninth day of November, 1898, I examined the body of the deceased, Enoch Miller, and found that he came to his death from a gunshot, which had entered the right temple; the surrounding skin was burned with powder, showing that the gun was in but a few inches of his head; the frontal and turbinated bones were gone, also part of the molar and temple, which could have been done by the force of the shot; the entire brain substance was gone; the lips were scarred by teeth, as was also the scalp and face, showing that hogs had partly mutilated the remains; nothing remained recognizable of the head and face but the lower jaw; on no other part of the body were there any marks of violence; in my opinion the effects of the shot were sufficient to produce instant death.

Upon the weight of the above testimony the jury returned the following verdict:

THE VERDICT.

"We, the jury, find that deceased, Enoch Miller, came to his death on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1898, by a gunshot wound in the head, caused by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands."

Immediately after the inquest the unfortunate boy's remains were prepared for burial and brought to Keytesville and interred in the City cemetery, Tuesday afternoon.

The Criminal Calendar.

Richard Tisdale, who lives out west of Keytesville, swore out a warrant before Squire H. A. Wheeler the first of this week for the arrest of Ephraim Martin, col., for carrying concealed weapons. When Constable F. M. Veatch went out to arrest Martin, the colored law-breaker thoroughly demonstrated his abilities as a sprinter, and Mr. Veatch was not swift enough to catch him. Mr. Veatch has gone into training and hopes to be able to outrun Martin in a few days.

Robert Bruce, col., was tried in Justice C. E. Finch's court at Brunswick last Tuesday for assault with intent to rape Sadie Hubbard, col., the 18-year-old daughter of Pleas Hubbard, at her father's home in Brunswick last Thursday afternoon. No one was at home but Sadie when Bruce assaulted her, but fortunately a sister of Sadie's came home in time to prevent the accomplishment of Bruce's fiendish purpose. After hearing the evidence at the preliminary trial last Tuesday, Justice Finch bound the defendant over in the sum of \$500 to appear before the grand jury at the next January term of circuit court, but he could not furnish the required bond and was brought to Keytesville and lodged in jail. Bruce is 21 years old and has a bad reputation.

John Reed, "the blind tiger" man from Triplett who was indicted by the grand jury on four different counts about 1-2 years ago for selling liquor illegally, and who gave Deputy Sheriff L. A. Magruder the slip at Brunswick while he (Reed) was being brought to Keytesville, came to Sheriff J. R. Dempsey yesterday morning and gave himself up, saying: "I am tired of running." Deputy Sheriff Magruder has worked almost unceasingly to capture Reed ever since he escaped, and located him several times, but by the aid of confederates he managed to avoid apprehension. The runaway's trial will come up at the next April term of circuit court at Keytesville. Reed gave bond in the sum of \$400—\$100 for each of the four indictments against him—with his mother, Mrs. D. L. Wood, and John A. Triplett, as securities, to appear for trial next April.

The case of the state of Missouri against A. J. Brooks was called up for trial in Justice Lyman Andrews' court at Sumner last Monday. Mr. Brooks, the defendant, is 78 years old, and was charged, upon the affidavit of

his wife, Mary E. Brooks, with the crime of sodomy. The state, however, failed to substantiate the charge to the satisfaction of the court, and Mr. Brooks was acquitted. Divorce proceedings are pending between Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, and subsequent to discarding her husband, Mrs. Brooks had him arrested for sodomy. He thereupon had a warrant issued for his wife for slander. After Mr. Brooks was acquitted of the charge of sodomy he had the case against his wife for slandering him dismissed. There were some indications at Mr. Brooks' trial that he was being persecuted by Mrs. Brooks and his stepson, Geo. Kunkler, the latter, at least, having made contradictory statements concerning the alleged crime for which his stepfather was apprehended. The attorneys in the case tried last Monday were: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney O. P. Ray for the state and C. C. Bigger for Laclade for the defendant.

Elias Elliott's Will.

The will of the late Elias Elliott of near Shannondale, dated April 14th, 1887, was admitted to probate last Friday. Its provisions are as follows:

First—I desire, after my decease, that all of my just debts, if any, and my funeral expenses be paid by my executors, hereinafter named, out of my estate.

Second—I desire, after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, that all my personal estate be divided equally between my beloved wife, Martha V. Elliott, and my children, Willie Elliott, Elias E. Elliott and Lonor L. Elliott, or to be used jointly by them as long as they may desire.

Third—I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha V. Elliott, the se qr ne qr, and all that part of the e hf of the se qr 2-52-18, lying east of the main road and embraced in the orchard, yard and stable lot as it now stands, including all of the buildings thereon, for and during her natural life. And at her death the remainder to be divided as follows: All that part of the se qr ne qr 2-52-18, lying west of the main road, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Willie Elliott. And the balance of the land, bequeathed to her as aforesaid, and being in the e hf se qr 2-52-18, including orchard, yard, stable lot and buildings thereon, I give and bequeath to my sons, Elias E. and Lonor L. Elliott, to be held by them jointly, with the lands hereinafter devised to them jointly.

Fourth—I give and bequeath to my sons, Elias E. and Lonor L. Elliott, to be held by them jointly, all the land I own in the e hf se qr 2, and sw qr 1-52-18, situated on the east side of the main road, except that part included in the life bequest to my wife, absolutely.

Fifth—I give and bequeath to my daughter, Willie Elliott, in addition to that heretofore bequeathed to her in my personal property, all that portion of the lands owned by me, lying on west side of the public road, situated in the ne qr 3-52-18, subject to the life bequest to my beloved wife in the se qr ne qr 2-52-18.

Sixth—I have heretofore given, by way of advancements, to my sons, Nathaniel E. and Francis M. Elliott and Idress E. Pennell, wife of Chas. M. Pennell, in lands and moneys their just portion of my estate, and I now bequeath to each of my children last-named the sum of one dollar.

Seventh—I hereby nominate and appoint my sons, Francis M. Elliott and Elias E. Elliott, executors of this, my last will and testament.

The testator's signature to the above will is attested by Thomas T. Elliott and J. M. Hawkins of Keytesville.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in Keytesville, Mo., post-office December 2nd, 1898:

Wm. Phelps, col., 2, Miss Corn Walker. When calling for above please say, "advertised."

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

"BIG REDUCTIONS"

STILL CONTINUE

Men's \$1 and \$1.25 Duck Coats, now sell for 75c.

Men's \$1.50 Underwear now sell for \$1.

Men's 40 and 50c Gloves now sell for 25c.

Men's \$2 and \$3 Hats, in all colors and styles, now sell for \$1.50.

Don't fail to come in and secure some of our "very special" offerings, as our stock is reduced in price from 25 to 50 per cent.

Herbert White
MENS FURNISHER

Another Letter from Dr. Dewey.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28th, 1898. }
3216 Pine street. }

TO THE COURIER:—This week I tried a bribe on my doctor. I wanted to hurry him up with my case, so I sent him a Thanksgiving turkey. He tumbled to it, and agreed to operate some time this week. Last week was a sad week for turkeys. More than 50,000 met death in this city by assassination.

Thanksgiving day I went to a Unitarian church, where addresses were delivered by Rabbi Leon Harrison, pastor of Temple Israel; Rev. Fred. L. Rosner, pastor of the Church of the Unity; Rev. Dr. Robert Cave, pastor of Non-sectarian church; Rabbi Samuel Sale, pastor of Temple Shaare Emeth; Rev. John Snyder, pastor of Church of the Messiah (Unitarian), and Mr. Wm. Sheldon, lecturer of the Ethical Culture society. The principal subject of these lectures was the unification of God, and the abolition of sectarianism. Rev. Dr. Cave and Mr. Sheldon dwelt on the ability of man to save himself, which is but refined Buddhism. During these addresses the name of Jesus Christ was never mentioned.

He was not in it. This combination of the enemies of Jesus Christ would have been more complete if there had been present a disciple of Confucius, a Buddhist, a Mohammedan, a Mormon, Bob Ingersoll and Satan. In the religions of the world there are but two great divisions. One believes in Jesus Christ, and the other rejects Him.

If Jesus Christ was not divine, He was the greatest impostor the world ever saw. He claimed to be God; this was the most pronounced charge that the Jews had against Him when they arraigned Him before Pilate.

The last effort made by the Jews to disprove his divinity, was the bribe offered the Roman soldiers at His resurrection to say His disciples stole His body away.

The day of Pentecost gave Unitarianism a black eye. The Holy Ghost was too apparent there to be denied.

Paul was once a very aggressive Unitarian but after his remarkable journey to Damascus he was the most talented and zealous Trinitarian that ever lived.

The first Trinitarian church was established during the second century. This dogma made but little progress until about the time of the reformation.

In A. D. 1523 the over-zealous John Calvin, in order to suppress this heresy, had Servetus burned at the stake in Geneva. This act greatly increased the advocates of this doctrine.

At the present time there are about a million and a half Unitarians in the world. In this country they are mostly the descendants of the men who persecuted the Baptists and Quakers and hung witches.

One reason men reject Christ is their dislike to the doctrine of total depravity, and the words he said to Nicodemus: "Verily, verily I say unto you, ye must be born again." Wicked men ignore this sentiment and despise its author.

Another is the one given by Paul, when he said: "Great is the mystery of Godliness." God is manifest in the flesh. There is no neutral ground in this matter. Every man either believes in Christ or rejects Him."

We who believe He was divine, will ever worship at His shrine. And with the countless heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

After listening to the heartless address described above, I went to St. John's Methodist church, I felt I had gone from an Alaska December to a Florida May.

DEWEY.

To Whom It May Concern.

WHEREAS, in the latter part of August, 1898, I gave my note for seventy-five dollars to a party calling himself Prof. M. Wagner, said note made due six months after date. I hereby warn all parties against purchasing or negotiating said note, as same was obtained through fraud and without consideration, therefore will not be honored by me.

MICHAEL HAYES.

Tax Notice.

I am now ready to receive and receipt for taxes for the year 1898. Tax-books will be found in the hands of M. W. Anderson at the Bank of Keytesville.

M. L. FINNELL,

Collector Keytesville Township.

Marriage Licenses.

D. F. Krager, Bynumville
Miss Mary M. Gatterman, Hamden
H. D. Payton, Shannondale
Miss Daisy E. Perfater, Shannondale
B. G. Freeman, Salisbury
Miss Sadie Simmons, Salisbury
I. S. Woodward, Kansas City
Miss Lucy C. Sanders, Newcomer

Good Clothes.

If you want a suit of good clothes, with good workmanship, a perfect fit, something that will look nice and will hold its shape, have Harms, the tailor, make you a suit. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Mules for Sale.

I have five head of yearling mules and a span of five-year-old mules, 16 hands high, for sale on my farm, three miles east of Keytesville.

JOHN J. FINNELL.

Wanted—Agents and correspondents in every township in Chariton county to receive subscriptions for the COURIER. Cash commission. Write at once for terms.